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## April Begins Warm and Dry

### Agricultural Summary

The first week of April brought warmer than normal temperatures throughout the state. Most weather stations reported little or no precipitation last week. Spring temperatures were mostly above average and ranged from 69 to 81 degrees during the day and from 19 to 32 degrees at night. For the week ending April 4, major agricultural activities included planting spring wheat, barley, oats, sugarbeets, onions, dry peas, field preparation, spreading fertilizer, machine maintenance, setting out irrigation equipment, and feeding livestock.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing has progressed to 92% complete and Calving is 87% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 22% short, 77% adequate, and 1% surplus.

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, spring planting is progressing well ahead of last year for most reported crops. County Extension Educators in Caribou and Power counties indicated that conditions are still too wet for planting in some areas. The states winter wheat was reported to be in mostly good condition. Franklin County Extension Educators reported v ole damage to alfalfa and small grain fields.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 19% short, 76% adequate and 5% surplus. Warm weather has dried the little moisture received these past few weeks in areas of Eastern Idaho. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.20 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2004	2003	Avg.
Onions Planted	47	84	56
Dry Peas Planted	36	6	6
Oats Planted	24	27	9

**Condition Table**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	1	18	38	43	--
Winter Wheat	--	--	27	70	3

**Crop Progress District Table**

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg
Spring Wheat Planted . . . . .	40	2	5	76	94	69	52	58	44	30	23	11	37	25	18
Barley Planted . . . . .	24	3	5	75	93	59	62	70	43	5	5	4	23	22	15
Sugarbeets Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	75	79	50	47	25	12	45	34	12	52	35	19

Avg (1999-2003); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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# Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	72	27	49	5	167	15	0	0.12	-0.22	0.00	0.88	2.83
Grangeville	73	27	46	5	174	19	0	0.17	-0.44	0.01	0.98	2.74
Lewiston	78	30	53	4	336	78	0	0.25	-0.02	0.00	0.56	1.27
Sand Point	71	27	45	3	110	7	0	0.15	-0.37	0.00	1.95	3.16
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	79	31	55	9	326	85	0	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.43	1.58
Caldwell	81	32	54	5	324	82	0	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.00	1.46
Emmett 5/	74	30	--	--	288	65	0	0.00	-0.32	0.00	0.36	1.76
Mountain Home	79	30	53	8	266	50	0	0.05	-0.18	0.02	0.38	1.28
Parma	81	28	51	5	312	73	0	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.06	1.34
Weiser	80	31	51	4	331	92	0	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.24	1.42
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	213	31	0	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.00	1.07
Burley	75	27	50	6	217	33	0	0.00	-0.21	0.00	0.49	1.16
Hill City	69	22	49	13	62	6	0	0.04	-0.20	0.04	0.33	1.38
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	394	138	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.00	1.14
Malta 5/	72	28	--	--	256	58	0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.12	0.88
Twin Falls	78	26	50	7	242	59	0	0.28	0.04	0.00	0.57	1.29
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	69	19	--	--	132	2	0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.05	0.90
Grace	71	21	47	9	118	13	0	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.47	1.57
Idaho Falls	72	23	48	8	142	11	0	0.02	-0.18	0.02	0.23	1.05
Malad City	78	26	50	9	176	39	0	0.03	-0.22	0.03	0.04	1.31
Pocatello	73	25	49	8	171	20	0	0.00	-0.28	0.00	0.92	1.48
Rexburg	71	24	47	8	132	10	0	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.25	1.23
Salmon	75	25	47	47	189	38	0	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.00

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

## Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1/</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	62	49	65	54	--	--	61	52	63	52	66	52	68	56	64	53
Parma	48	47	48	47	49	47	49	48	48	48	--	--	--	--	48	47
Sandpoint	46	38	51	38	53	40	48	40	39	50	--	--	--	--	47	41
Twin Falls	55	40	56	35	59	43	58	47	48	44	68	46	60	46	58	43

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.